GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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FIRE IN TALCHER FERTILIZER PLANT
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Talcher Fertilizer Plant in Orissa has been destroyed due to fire accident recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the estimated loss sustained as a result thereof; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS. (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) to (d) : There was an incidence of wild bush fire on 6.4.2007 in the premises of closed Talcher fertilizers Plant of FCIL, which erupted at about 1.30 P.M. The fire started from near the boundary wall which was inaccessible due to dense wild growth. The fire spread quickly to large area due to heavy wind and dry grasses on the ground. It was brought under control within 4-5 hours with the help of fire tenders of Orissa State Government, Heavy water plant, NTPC, NALCO & MCL. There was no major loss to the plant and equipments. The only loss was damage and fall of wooden cooling tower structure. The management constituted a High Power Committee to visit the site and report on the fire incidence. The Committee has reported that loss sustained by the company in the fire incidence is approximately between Rs. 0.5 lac to Rs. 1 lac.